

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 19, 2007**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lio Francisco, Julie Frazier, Ray Gamma,
Jerry Marsalli, Cynthia Owens

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Steve Lee (excused), Chuck Seymour (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Wolfe, Director of Parks and Recreation

Guests: Paul French, James Rowen

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Francisco.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 8, 2007– Approval with the following corrections: 1) Julie Frazier, excused absence; and, 2) Chuck Seymour, excused absence.
- III. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – The Commission reviewed City Council actions pertaining to Parks and Recreation.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION – The Commission received the July 4th All City Picnic/Fireworks announcement, the Art and Wine Festival Poster, and a thank you letter from John Bitter, Santa Clara Swim Club Head Coach, for supporting the request to upgrade the George F. Haines International Swim Center.
- V. COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS – Chair Francisco reported on the June 29 Sister City Potluck, the upcoming August 3 Street Dance, request for pedestrian crosswalk on Reed Street, and attended the May 22 Council meeting.

Commissioner Marsalli reported on the Veteran’s Memorial Committee meeting, attended the May 22 Council meeting, volunteered at the Fish Derby, and reported on the Santa Clara Vanguard season.

Commissioner Owens presented the Commission’s recommendation to Council regarding funding the design of the George F. Haines International Swim Center in FY 2007/08, meet with the Swim Club, Divers Club, and Aquamaids to discuss the May 22 Council presentation, and give a report on the upcoming International Swim Meet.

Commissioner Gamma visited the Dog Park, Central Park, graduated from Leadership Santa Clara, and reported on the November 17 Wutzit Club Alumni fundraising dance to benefit programs at the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center.

Commissioner Frazier volunteered at the Fish Derby, visited the Dog Park, Central Park, and the Golf Course.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Art and Wine Festival – Non-Profit Presentations – Paul French, Santa Clara Schools Foundation, gave an overview of the services provided to students and teachers in the Santa Clara Unified School District.

The Commission discussed the applications received for funding from the 2007 Festival. Use of funds from the Festival for salaries rather than programs was discussed with Commissioners agreeing that funds should be used for youth programs, and not salaries.

A motion was made by Julie Frazier, seconded by Ram Gamma to select Santa Clara P.A.L., Santa Clara Schools Foundation, Friends of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation, Wilcox High School Grad Night Committee, and Santa Clara High School Grad Night Committee to receive funding from the 2007 Festival. Passed unanimously with Commissioner Marsalli abstaining on the vote for Santa Clara P.A.L., as he is a member and officer of that organization.

The Commission directed staff to give Friends of Ulistac contact information for Mission City Community Fund and Friends of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation as a possible source of funding.

Chair Francisco presented samples of the Festival glasses for Commission review. The Commission selected the 2007 glasses with Chair Francisco to proceed ordering the glasses.

- B. Program Report - The Commission was given a report on the Parks and Recreation Department programs offered this summer.
- C. Project Update – The Commission was given a report on the Parks and Recreation Department projects.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None.

- VIII. Public Presentations – James Rowen reported to the Commission that he was in support of the Council decision to place a plaque in memory of Mary Quigley in War Memorial Playground and was not involved in a proposal to rename the playground in Ms. Quigley's memory.

- IX. Adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting, July 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Manager Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:

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Director of Parks and Recreation

Lio Francisco
Chair